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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER THORN

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0515

1. WE BELIEVE YOUR JULY 7 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER THORN PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL READOUT ON RESULTS OF JUNE 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE THORN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE LONDON MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL:

-- (A) NORTH-SOUTH. THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BUT REACHED NO AGREEMENT ON WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY EC FOLLOW-UP TO CIEC OR, IF SO, WHAT KIND. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING THORN MIGHT PROVIDE ON WHERE MATTERS WERE LEFT AND HIS JUDGMENT AS TO POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED COMMUNITY COMMITMENT TO QTE SINGLE VOICE UNQTE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

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-- (B) EC ENLARGEMENT. AGAIN, QUESTION WAS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BUT WITHOUT ANNOUNCED CONCLUSIONS. THORN'S VIEWS ON WHERE MATTERS STAND WOULD BE WELCOMED.

-- (C) UNEMPLOYMENT/TRADE. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL STATEMENT ON GROWTH, INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT (LONDON 10953) NOTES (PARA. 12) THAT THE EFFECTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

ON THE EC'S LIBERAL COMMERCIAL POLICY WERE DISCUSSED.
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THORN COULD ELUCIDATE ON THE
TENOR OF THAT DISCUSSION AND WHETHER HE EXPECTS THE
COMMISSION, IN ITS CONTINUING STUDY OF FACTORS AFFECTING
EMPLOYMENT, TO PRODUCE CONCLUSIONS THAT WILL BEAR
DIRECTLY ON EC TRADE POLICY.

2. WITH REGARD TO QTE US INITIATIVES UNQTE THAT
MAY HAVE LED TO QTE ACRIMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE UNQTE
REFERRED TO BY HELMINGER, WE ARE NOT SURE FROM
REPORTING SO FAR JUST WHAT HE MAY HAVE IN MIND. THERE
ARE, HOWEVER, TWO POSSIBILITIES:

-- (A) EAST-WEST. WHILE WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON THIS
PART OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION, SCHMIDT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE
TOLD THE PRESS THAT QTE THERE WAS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
IRRITATION ON OUR SIDE UNQTE OVER THE STATE OF US/
SOVIET RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCHMIDT WAS
REPORTEDLY GIVEN AN INFORMAL MANDATE TO BRIEF THE
PRESIDENT ON THE NINE'S VIEWS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON
JULY 13. WE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY-
THING THORN MAY HAVE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT.

-- (B) NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. IF ACRIMONY CON-
CERNS NUCLEAR POLICY DISCUSSIONS AT EUROPEAN COUNCIL, WE
WOULD ALSO BE VERY INTERESTED IN LEARNING DETAILS. YOU
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MAY WISH TO REVIEW STATE 116963 ON EC PARTICIPATION IN
INFCEP, STATE 124488 ON EURATOM-IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND
BRUSSELS 05535 WHICH OUTLINED EC COMMISSION DRAFT PAPER
ON NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY.

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